

**Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
Twin Cities Chapter of the American Guild of Organists  
March 7, 2022**

**Present:** Jennifer Anderson, Jacob Benda, Joyce Brown, Isaac Drewes, Nils Halker  
Kathrine Handford, Sr. Stacie Lightner, Laura Potratz,  
Kris Rizzotto, Lise Schmidt

**Absent:** David Geslin, Kristina Langlois, John Varona

**Also present:** Chaplain John Setterlund

**Call to Order** by Dean Jacob Benda at 6:30 PM, Virtual Meeting via the Zoom App.

The meeting began with Chaplain John Setterlund describing the Ecumenical Prayer Service that was recently held at the Basilica on behalf of Ukraine. Thanks goes out to Sr. Stacie Lightner and Samuel Holmberg for serving as organists and the many choir volunteers. The service was very moving. Music touches our souls and expresses our deepest emotions. Music can bring peace and hope. We are reminded that it is our highest purpose as musicians.

The agenda for this meeting was approved.

The December Minutes were approved as corrected.

**Motion:** Nils Halker moved to accept the minutes as corrected

**Second:** Isaac Drewes

**Motion carried.**

**Secretary's Report:** Report given by Joyce Brown.

-The Nominating Committee is gathering names for the upcoming election. When the list is assembled, it will be announced in *Pipenotes*. Phil Radtke is the Chair of the Committee.

**Report:** Treasurer's Report given by Jacob Benda.

-There is nothing of note in the budget for this month.

**Report:** Program Committee Report given by Jennifer Anderson.

-Everyone is excited and looking forward to the Bach Birthday Bash this year! It will be March 19 and in person. There will be a full day of interesting performances.

-Looking ahead to early May, there will be a members' recital. The exact day and location are not yet decided.

- June 5 is the Northrop Event. The event will begin with the premier of a 45-minute documentary, *The Northrop Organ: Past, Present and Future*. The day will continue with a

concert by Hector Olivera titled “Tantalizing Transcriptions and Tangos”. A social gathering and reception will follow at the Campus Club. This promises to be a great day with something for everyone!

-The Winter Workshop was cancelled because of the rise in Covid cases. The third week of January was the peak of the Omicron variant.

**Report:** Dean’s Report given by Jacob Benda.

-The Board took time to remember the life of our dear member Diana Lee Lucker. There were many fond memories and reflections shared. She was a wonderful spirit, excellent accomplished musician, and dedicated member of the TCAGO. She will be missed by all.

-The *Pipedreams* Scholarship Committee will now be headed up by Steve Gentile. Karen Bartz and Sr. Stacie Lightner are also on the committee.

-The Virtual Student Competition will be April 30. There is currently one applicant.

-There was a sharing of current Covid precautions, masking and in-person worship services at our places of worship.

-The Directory work continues. In March a basic pdf will be available to members. It is hoped that people will review and update their information. A printed directory will be assembled and sent in August-September time frame.

-The Pipe Organ Discovery Day was a great program. It lasted 6 hours. There were 3 students and 2 parents this year. Thank you to Phil Asgian for organizing and carrying out this event!

### **New Business**

-The planning for the 2023 Regional Convention continues. The budget is currently being established. The hotel accommodations will be great because of the recent renovations. The facility fees at many venues have increased. There is an additional trip to St. John’s Abbey being considered before or after the convention.

**Motion:** Lise Schmidt moved that we adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Nils Halker

**Motion Carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next meeting: April 4, 2022

Joyce Brown, Secretary